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SUBJECT: FURTHER PRESS PLAY ON THE NAS VISIT

1. ALL MAJOR DAILIES, MORNING OF MARCH 18, CARRIED REPORTS ON JAY DAVENPORT STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON REGARDING RECENT NAS VISIT HERE. PRO GOVERNMENT EL PAIS AND LA MANANA GAVE STORIES FRONT PAGE COVERAGE AND EMPHASIZED DAVENPORT STATEMENT THAT GROUP HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH GREAT COURTESY AND WAS GIVEN FULL COOPERATION IN FULFILLING ITS OBJECTIVES. THE IMPRESSION WAS LEFT IN THESE TWO ARTICLES THAT THE NAS OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED AND THAT THE SCIENTISTS HAD COME AWAY FULLY SATISFIED WITH WHAT THEY HAD SEEN OF CONDITIONS IN URUGUAY.

2. INDEPENDENT EL DIA CARRIED A MORE SUBDUED REPORT ON PAGE 5 AND QUOTED "AUTHORIZED SOURCES" AS HAVING INFORMED THE NEWSPAPER OF DAVENPORT'S REMARKS. EL DIA ALSO CARRIED THE STATEMENT THAT THE MEETING WITH COL. SILVO LEDESMA WAS VIEWED BY THE NAS AS "VERY POSITIVE".

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS FROM THE STORIES THAT THE INFORMATION CAME FROM THE GOVERNMENT DRAWING ON A REPORT FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF DAVENPORT MADE ANY PRESS STATEMENT OR WHETHER THESE

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ARE IN FACT REMARKS QUOTED FROM HIS EXCHANGE WITH AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDEZ.

4. THE POSITIVE TONE OF DAVENPORT'S COMMENTS WILL ENHANCE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE NAS HERE AND MAY ULTIMATELY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN INFLUENCING A DECISION IN THE MASSERA CASE. TO BUILD ON THIS PASE, DAVENPORT SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT PEREZ CALDEZ AND GARCIA CAPURO EXPECT TO BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE NAS REPORT BEFORE IT IS MADE PUBLIC. BOTH CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN EARLY COPY OF THE REPORT.

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